

# The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Monday, May 29, 1727.

From *Mist's Weekly Journal*, May 20.

**O**UR Letters from Italy take Notice of the Pope's Departure from Benevento, in his Return to Rome, to the great Joy of the Inhabitants of that City, who apprehended that his Holiness would make a long Stay at his ancient Bishoprick; and others are of Opinion that he will never Return again to Rome, having (as they thought) a Design of Resigning the Chair of St. Peter.

From Rome we are told, That divers Cardinals are busy in forming Schemes to prevent a Rupture, betwixt France, the Empire and Spain, and new Instructions are continually sending to the Nuncios residing at those Courts to the same Effect; and that the Ministers of the said Potentates at Rome, are frequently consulted with to bring this to bear; but they leave us in the Dark, as to what Progress is made in it. They tell us also, That Cardinal Polignac made a Visit to the Convent of St. Cecilia, where he had a Conference of two Hours with the Princess Sobieski.

From Devonshire, that besides the Totten Men, several Smugglers of Topsham and other Parts, are obliged to fly or abscond, for fear of Prosecutions and that the poor Weavers in several Parts of the Country, for want of Employment, or other Subsistence, go about in small Parties and raise Contributions on the Alehouse-keepers, to the amount sometimes of five or six L. a Day, to the Share of one Party, by putting the Laws in Execution against them; for drawing in unsealed or too little Measures, and wherever they go, are relieving the poor, who are entitled to a Moiety of the Forfeits with the Intormer; and getting an easy livelihood themselves, they threaten, when the Business is at an End on this Side, to visit more distant Places.

The publick News-papers at Dublin have Intelligence, by private Letters from Galway, of several Saileys from Gibraltar, wherein the Spaniards lost 1500 Men; and the Town, Capt. Montgomery. For which there is no other than an Irish Foundation.

From the *Daily Journal*, May 19.

Madrid, May 12. N. S. The Courtiers here have given the Proprietors of the Silver brought by the Flota to understand, that they are not to expect its being delivered out before the Peace of Europe be restored, which occasions much uneasiness among all Sorts of People. Complaints of the deadness of Trade, and scarcity of Money come from all Parts of this Kingdom, and the Desire of Peace is universal.

Leghorn, April 29. O. S. We have certain Advices of several Spanish Privateers from 10 to 18 Guns, and 100 to 150 Men each being at Sea, and that they have taken 3 or 4 English Ships. A Vessel of 18 Guns, and a fine long Ship which carries 22 Guns upon Deck are sitting out here for Spanish Privateers. These two cannot put to Sea under a Month's Time, and unless an English Man of War be sent to cruize on this Coast, the Navigation in English Bottoms will become very precarious.

Gibraltar, April 21. Our Governor has thought fit to encamp 3 Regiments of the Garrison, where the Enemy's Cannon can by no means hurt them; and 'tis said our Men design to make a vigorous Sally upon the main Camp, in order to dislodge (if possible) and put them to Flight. In the meantime the Garrison continues in a vigorous State and good Order, very little Damage having ensued to them from the Fire of the Enemy; and 'tis expected that now, repenting of their rash Undertaking, they will speedily retire.

Petersburg, May 30. Our Fleet waits only Orders to sail; 'tis said that the Troops are already on board the Gallies, which are ordered to sail the Beginning of next Week.

Hamburg, May 20. Our Letters from Holstein say, that the Danish Troops had received fresh Orders to march and form a Camp at Kioppe.

Gena, May -- A Ship which carries 18 Guns is sitting out here for a Spanish Privateer.

Cadix, May 6. N. S. On the 28th past arrived here from St. Malo a large French Ship called the H. Ghost, Capt. Forcè Commander; she carries



54 Guns, and is for Sale. The Spaniards have now 12 Men of War in this Bay; 7 of whom carry between 54 & 60 Guns; and the other 5, from 30 to 36. Among the latter is the Neptune, a Ship built at London for the Buenos Ayres Trade.

*From the Evening Post, May 20.*

*Hanover, May 27.* Prince Frederick, who is entirely recovered of his late Indisposition, repaired last Tuesday to the Royal Palace of Herenhausen, where his Highness will reside all the Summer. Our Troops are ready for marching upon any Notice.

*Brussels, May 22.* The Adjutant General of Marshal Zumjuergen is gone for Coblenitz, pursuant to the Result of the Council of State, which was held last Monday: We hear his Commission is to hasten the March of the Imperial Troops who are to come to this Country; and as the Reaping the Corn in the District of Dendermond has been forbid, People conjecture that a Camp is to be formed there. The same Prohibition has been made in the Neighbourhood of Maubeuge, Cambray, Conde, Valenciennes, &c. where the French Troops are to encamp.

*Basil, May 18.* The Republicks of Venice and Genoa are both resolved to observe an exact Neutrality in the present Juncture, notwithstanding the earnest Solicitations of the several contending Powers.

*Vienna, May 14.* The Duke de Richlieu having received an Express from France on Friday last, went immediately to Luxemburg, and conferred with Count Zinzendorf, as he did Yesterday with Prince Eugene: We hear, that the said Conferences were on account of the Eight new Articles proposed by the Hanover Allies; which are not entirely rejected by our Court, being of opinion they may be accepted with small Alterations.

*From the St. James's Evening-Post, May 20.*

*Vienna, May 14.* 'Tis said the final Result of this Court to the ultimate Conditions of the Allies of Hanover, will not be sent hence to the French Court these 10 Days.

*Stockholm, May 4.* The Diet is not like to break up soon, there being still many Affairs upon the Carpet. The Squadron at Carelsroon waits only for the last Orders to put to Sea, and is to be commanded in Chief, 'tis said, by Admiral Taube. 'Tis said the Russian Ministers have received Orders to continue at this Court. Count de Gallowin has

presented a Memorial against the Secretary of the Danish Embassy; but the Regency, without reading it, sent it him back again, alledging this Affair did not concern the Crown.

*Milan, May 8.* 'Tis reported, that the French have a Body of 19,300 Men in Dauphine, in Readiness to march upon the first Orders from Court; and are, as 'tis said, design'd to penetrate into Italy. The Garrison at Navarra is at present 4000.

*From the Craftsman, May 20.*

We have had several Accounts this Week, that the Garrison had made a Sally, upon which a sharp Action ensued: But all Accounts from that Place are kept so private on both Sides, that scarce any Thing is to be relied on from thence.

Mr. d'Oliver has presented a Memorial to the States General, assuring them, That his Catholic Majesty has no Intention to enter into a War either with the Most Christian King, or with that State, even tho' he should be obliged to do it with the English, upon the Motives given him by the Court of London. So industrious are the Spaniards and Imperialists, upon all Occasions, to Father the Calamities of the impending War upon the Conduct of the British Ministry!

*London, May 20.* On Sunday last the Courts at St. James's and Leicester house went into Mourning for the Death of the Prince of Conti.

We do not hear that Sir William Morgan has as yet obtained Leave to raise a Regiment at his own Cost and Charge, for the Service of his Country.

The several Commanding Officers of the Regiments ordered for Flanders, have received Orders to be in Readiness to march upon first Notice.

*Wye's Letter verbatim, London, May 23.*

Since our last arrived the Mails from Holland and France.

Advices from Petersburg of the 6th Inst. import, That 4 of the chief Noblemen of that Country have been taken into Custody: They are accused of being the Authors of a most scandalous Libel against the Government, alledging, among other Things, That all honest Russians ought to use their utmost Efforts to place, as soon as possible, the Czarewicz on the Throne of his Ancestors, and send away all Foreigners from the Court. The Avenues of that City, whose Garrison consists of 12000 Men, are shut up; and



and the Troops in Courland and Senagaldia are ordered to march in all Haste from the Frontiers of Poland to Riga: And those who are on board the Gallies, will be transported to Revel.

Those from Copenhagen relate, That on the 23d past, N. S. the British Squadron under Admiral Norris arrived in that Road; and the Danish Squadron being ready to sail, it was expected they'd proceed together to the Coast of Russia with the first fair Wind.

We are in Hopes that our Fleet, in Conjunction with those of Denmark and Sweden, will this Year enter upon such Measures, as shall oblige the Czarina to a Compliance with the Proposals offered by the Confederates, and thereby save us the Expence of sending annually a Squadron of our Men of War to the Baltick.

By Letters Yesterday from Lisbon we have Accounts, That several English Ships have been taken by the Spanish Privateers; and that they have so blocked up the Bay of Oporto, that no Ships can go in or come out. From Gibraltar, That the Spaniards on the 23d past. O. S. began to fire from all their Batteries; That their Bombs having done Damage to several Houses in the Town, obliged the Merchants to retire with their Effects under the Tents at the Side of the new Mole. 'Tis added, that the Besiegers were reinforced with ten Battallions; and that the Spanish General had sent a Message to the Earl of Portmore, demanding the Surrendry of the Place: But his Lordship rejected the Message, not at all fearing the Threats of a general Storm.

So great is the Power and Union of the Hanover Allies, as cannot but induce those of Vienna to Terms of Reason, and obtain a just and honourable Peace, without admitting of any further Delay.

They write from Dublin of the 16th Instant, That about one of the Clock, in the Morning they began to Press on the River there, and about 5 or 6 Hours Time, they got 500 Men from the Merchant Ships, and put them on board his Majesty's Ship the *Lively* in that Harbour.

There is a Letter from Gibraltar, dated the 27th April O. S. which says, That the Besiegers have 70 Cannon on all their Batteries besides Mortars; and it is computed they have 3000 Men more than the Garison, and the Outworks between them and the Besiegers, are within Musket Shot of each others.

'Tis added, That the Spaniards make now great

er Firing than ever they did since the Siege began. And by the Hammond Galley arrived at Spirhead, we learn, that on the 2d Inst. O. S. the Spaniards continued the Attack upon Gibraltar, and made a terrible Fire. Mean time 'tis said that the Court has Advice, that the Emperor has accepted the last Proposals. S. S. Stock is risen to 109.

*From the Evening Post, May 23.*

*From the Camp before Gibraltar, May 8.*

We have erected a new Battery of 4 Guns. Yesterday all our Batteries began to play against the Town, with such Success, that soon after the Firing of the Besieged abated much, many of their Guns being dismounted.

*Barcelona, May 11.* All is again in Motion here, all the Ships in this Port being taken up for Transports; some being to take in Provisions and Ammunition; others, Soldiers. A Battallion of each of the Regiments of our Garison are to embark, either for an Expedition against Minorca, or for the Army before Gibraltar.

*Paris, May 28.* On the 20th Instant His Majesty received the Compliments of the Ambassadors and other Foreign Ministers, on account of the Pregnancy of the Queen.

*From the Daily Journal, May 22.*

*Hague, May 25.* Two Days ago Orders arrived here from Great Britain, to get every Thing in Readiness for the Reception of his Majesty, as he passes thro' these Provinces in his Way to Hanover. They write from Stockholm, that in case of a War in the North, the Swedes will furnish the Allies of Hanover with 15000 Men. On the other hand, some of the contrary Party will have it, that in case of a War, the Allies of Vienna will have about 80,000 Men in the Lower Saxony and near Lubeck, viz. 60,000 Russians, 30,000 now marching by Land, and 30,000 by Sea; besides 20,000 Saxons. But how the Russians will get there, is very doubtful.

*From the Daily Journal, May 23.*

*Madrid, May 8.* 'Tis said here, that an Advice-boat is upon the point of sailing for Carthagea, with Orders for the Gallies to return home. The Count de las Torres has writ to Court, That he has made so great a Progress in the Siege of Gibraltar, and especially upon the Rock upon which the Battery of Queen Anne stands, that he hopes so

to undermine it, and if he has Success, to blow it up; and that he expected the Place would soon capitulate.

*From the St. James's Evening Post, May 23.*

*London, May 23.* Orders have been given for suspending all the Military Preparations that were making in the several Ports of this Kingdom.

Several Brass Cannon that were putting aboard at the Tower for Holland, have been carried back into the Arsenal there.

Extract of a Letter dated April 27 O. S. from on board one of the Transports at Gibraltar, that went over with the Earl of Portmore.

We arrived here the 23d O. S. on the 24th the Spaniards began firing from all their Batteries, and 'tis computed they fired at first above 320 Shot per Hour, but with little Success. On the 25th the Spanish General sent a Message to the Earl of Portmore, demanding the Surrendry of the Place, on Refusal whereof they were to expect a general Storm, whereby they should be in Danger of being all put to the sword; but his Lordship rejected the Message, not at all fearing those Threats. The Tyger and Portland Men of War are ordered for the W. Indies, to join Admiral H. Her's Squadron. The Spanish Camp is reinforced by ten Battallions.

*From the London Gazette, May 23.*

*London, May 23.* This Afternoon arrived a Messenger dispatch by his Excellency Horatio Walpole Esq; his Majesty's Ambassador at the Court of France, with an Account that the Preliminary Articles for a general Pacification were signed on Saturday the 20th Inst. by the Ministers Plenipotentiaries of the Emperor, his Majesty, the most Christian King, and the States General, and Mr. Robinson, Secretary to his Excellency Mr. Walpole, is on the Road, with the Instruments of the said Articles signed.

*Edinburgh, May 29.* Early on Saturday Morning Inst. the whole Copies of an Impression of a Roman Catholick Catechism, were (by Order of the Magistrates) burnt to Ashes by the Hand of the common Hangman, at the City Magazine-house Door.

Yesterday being the Anniversary of the Birth of his Majesty, at Noon the Castle fired a Round of great Guns; but the other Solemnities were put off to this Day.

## ADVERTISEMENT.

[\*] That by Mistake there was taken out of the Grange Park, within a Mile of Edinburgh, upon Sunday the 21st May Inst. betwixt 7 and 8 at Night, an old Brownish Black coarse Gelding, above 14 Hands high, having a Black or white Spot in his Forehead, and two white Spots

Years old. If any Person can inform of the said Horse, so that he can be got back, they may call at the House of Grange, and shall have a Guinea Reward.

¶ That the Lands of NEWHALL, lying in the Parish of Yester and Shire of East Lothian, within 3 Miles of Haddington, holding Blanch of the KING; Are to be exposed to Sale in the House of Patrick Herdman Vintner in Edinburgh, on Tuesday the 4th of July next. The Rental and Progress to be seen in the Hands of John Davidson Clerk of Justiciary, at his Office in the Parliament-Closet.

† That the Adventurers in the BANK OF SCOTLAND, in a General Meeting held the 3d Inst. did unanimously agree to raise a Tenth Part of their Capital Stock, and did order the same to be paid in to their Treasurer on or before the 15th Day of June next: With Certification of Forfeiture, as contained in the Act of Parliament erecting the Bank.

[§] There is to be sette in Tack (for more or less Years as shall be agreed on) by publick voluntar Roup, on the 6th Day of July next, in the House of Daniel Montgomery Postmaster in Glasgow, 'twixt the Hours of 10 & 12 Forenoon, the Lands of GELSTON, in the Parish of Cardross and Sheriffdom of Dumbarton, 13 Miles from Glasgow, and 3 from Dumbarton, belonging to the deceased John Buntine; with the Mannor place 3 Storey high, containing 4 large Fire-rooms, a Kitchen, Cellar and Garret, Kēn, Malt & Corn-barns, Stables and all other necessary Office-houses, with a Garden and Orchard, 116 Acres of arable Land, Pasturage, and several Houses for small Tenants, a large Publick House, with all Office-houses and two Yards, likewise the Fishing on the River Clyde belonging to said Lands. The Conditions to be seen in the Hands of said Daniel Montgomery, and in the Hands of Charles Menzies Writer to the Signet, at his Chamber in the Parliament-Closet. The Entry to be at Magdams 1727.

† That there is to be exposed to Sale by public Roup, upon Wednesday the SEVENTH Day of June next, in the House of James Fullarton Vintner in Edinburgh, 'twixt 3 and 4 in the Afternoon, a LODGING, of the Back Land of the Writers Court, first Door below the Signet office; consisting of Five Fire-rooms, Kitchen, Garret, Cellar, and other Conveniences, mostly well finished. The Rental and Progress of Writs, may be seen in the Hands of Archibald Tod Writer in Edinburgh, at his Writing-chamber, entering from the Parliament-Closet near the new Insurance-Office.

† That there is to be sold at a reasonable Price, a fine HOUSE and GARDEN in the Town of Dundee, belonging to Sir George Stuart of Grantully: The House is Four storey high, the Ground-storey consisting of Five vaulted Cellars, a large Kitchen, Brewhouse, Bakehouse, Coal-house, Coach house, and a large Stable neatly Box'd, sufficient for 20 Horses; with a Hay-loft and a Room for Servants, and a Draw-Well, all within the Stable. The 2d Storey consists of Outer-room, Dining-room, Drawing-room, 2 Bedchambers and Closets, all completely wainscotted. The 3d, of Dining-room, Drawing-room, three Bed-chambers and 2 Closets. And the 4th, of Garrets, Laundry and Closets. N. B. The House and Garden are finely situate upon the Brink of the River Tay. Whoever inclines to purchase the same, may speak either with Sir George Stuart at his House of Murchly, near Perth, or Mr. Patrick Crichton Brother to the Laird of Ruthven, to be found in Dundee, or Archibald Stuart Writer to the Signet at Edinburgh, in whose Hands the Progress of Rigau